

Homes Which the Madman of the Northwest Visited

MADMAN SUSPECT PROVES INNOCENCE

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to determine whether others are missing. Should such be the case, a detailed description of those missing will be furnished the police.

Attending physicians at Emergency Hospital today announced that both of the women shot by the maniac would recover.

Miss Martha Geagan, 1312 Connecticut avenue, who was the first visited in the series of crimes, and who is suffering from a bullet wound in the abdomen, will be able to be removed to her home shortly.

"There will never be another door or window unlocked in this house, not even a bedroom door," Miss Margaret Geagan, the victim's sister, told The Times this morning.

Miss Lillian Hood, of 1337 L street northwest, who put up a plucky fight with the maniac even after he had shot her, was doing well this morning, and physicians say she, also, will shortly be able to leave the hospital.

Friends of Miss Hood today recalled that in June of last year she came near suffering serious injury in a street car accident. She was returning from a party on a pleasure trip, when there was a collision and a spill, several passengers suffering minor injuries.

Expected Violent Death

Miss Hood is quoted as saying: "I'm always having narrow escapes. I believe that I will die a violent death some day."

The young war worker lived on what is known as the big boarding house at 1337 L street as the "Hall of Tragedy."

On April 1, last year, a man giving his name as J. Edward Buckley, blew his brains out in Room No. 3, just across the narrow hall from the room occupied by Miss Hood.

It developed, following the killing, that Buckley had been accused of being a German spy. He was said to be a physician from Chicago, who had been aiding the common enemy.

When he discovered that Federal agents were "covering" him, he is said to have written a letter to high Government officials telling them "how to defeat Germany and win the war." He said in his communication he was taking this course to prove his loyalty to this country.

In addition to these strange communications a passport to Germany was also found in his effects after his death.

Miss Hood's mother, from her home in Brownsville, Tenn., has wired that she is en route to Washington.

Think Attack Planned

That the maniac visited the scene of at least one of his crimes and carefully studied the environs prior to the overt act yesterday morning is the belief of some of the roomers at 1312 L street northwest, where Miss Florence Fowler was choked.

One of the male roomers was in his room on the first floor Tuesday morning at 1 o'clock when he heard the front door open and saw some one walking in the hall outside.

Looking out, the roomer saw a man, wearing a three-quarter length overcoat and a derby hat. He appeared to be about five feet seven inches in height. This description tallies with that furnished the police by the three victims.

"What do you want?" the roomer asked the strange intruder. He turned quickly and bolted through the front door, leaving it open behind him.

Miss Fowler, unharmed by yesterday's early morning episode, spent last night with her sister.

Daughter Left Door Open

Miss Alma Preinkert, whose mother owns the residence at 1311 L street, told The Times that "that was the first time we have left the front door unlocked since we have lived here. We have been here ten years. I came in late and forgot to lock the door."

The screams of Miss Fowler, as the maniac sought to choke her aroused the entire household.

"Oh, I'm so sorry I disturbed you," were Miss Fowler's first words when members of the family and roomers reached her.

"It was a case of life or death with me," she told them.

Thinking the intruder merely a burglar frightened away by the screams of the young woman, it was first decided not to notify the police until after daylight.

It was fully forty-five minutes later at 10 o'clock that the police were told of the visit of the maniac.

"We nearly went wild when they told us they had just chased a man away from a house on Connecticut street where he had shot a woman," Miss Preinkert said. "Of course, we decided the same man was responsible for both crimes."

Followed by Man

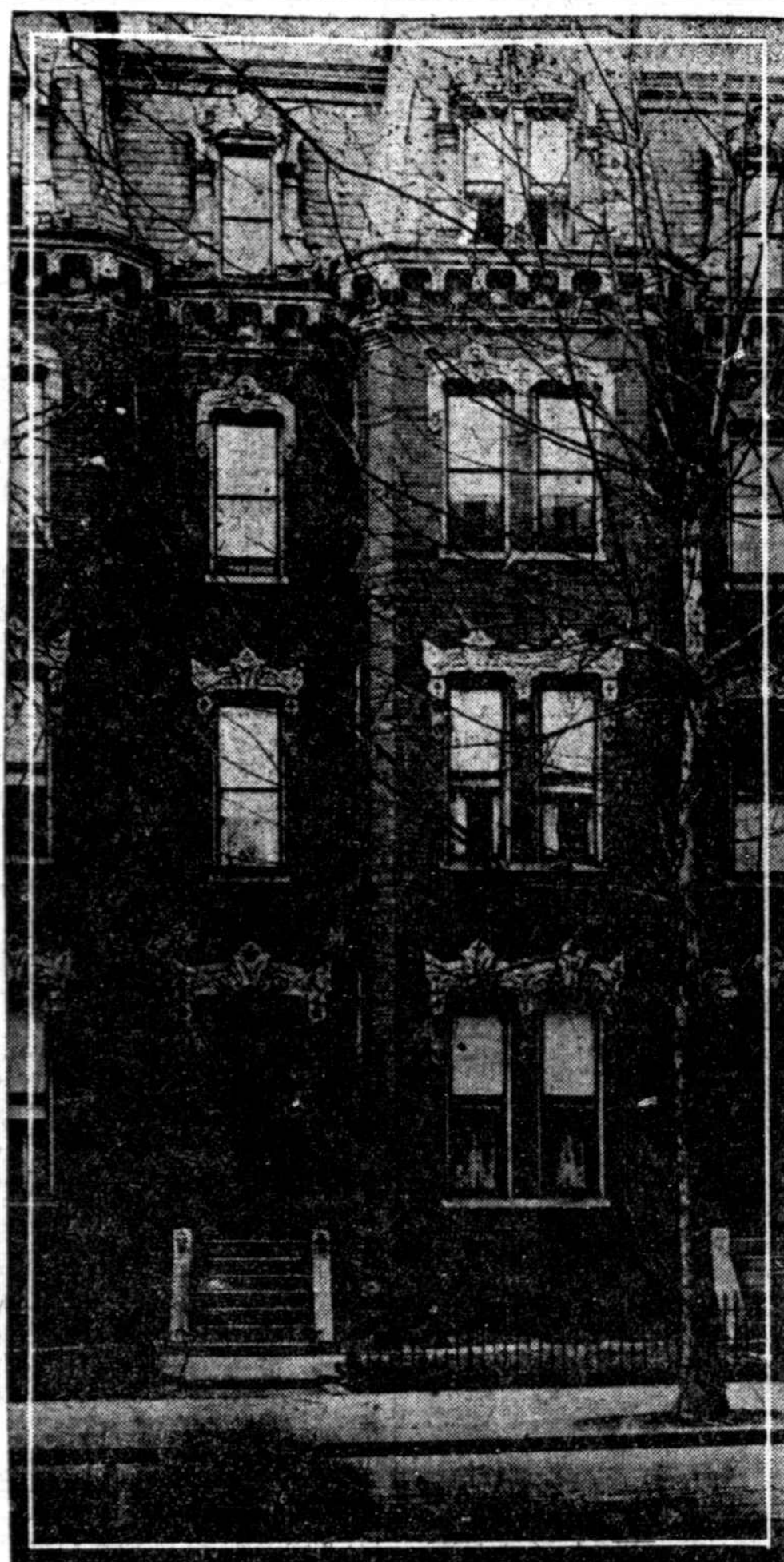
"Only a few nights ago one of the girls complained that a man had followed her down Connecticut street and finally, stopping across the street, watched her enter the house. When we went out to see who it was he had gone."

"So he hope they capture the man who shot me," declared Miss Lillian Hood, "do he will not be able to attack other women."

Miss Hood is still in a serious condition, but Dr. J. Ward Mankin, resident surgeon of the hospital, who operated on her an hour after she was shot, today told The Times that she felt she would recover unless complications set in.

Mother on Way Here

Reading in The Times yesterday of the rampage of the maniac, Mrs. Finis J. Garrett, wife of Congressman Garrett, of Tennessee, telephoned Dr. Mankin at the Emergency Hospital to give Miss Hood every attention. Miss Hood attended reception given last month by Congressman and Mrs. Garrett to Tennessee women here in Washington doing war work. Miss Hood is on her way here to see her daughter.

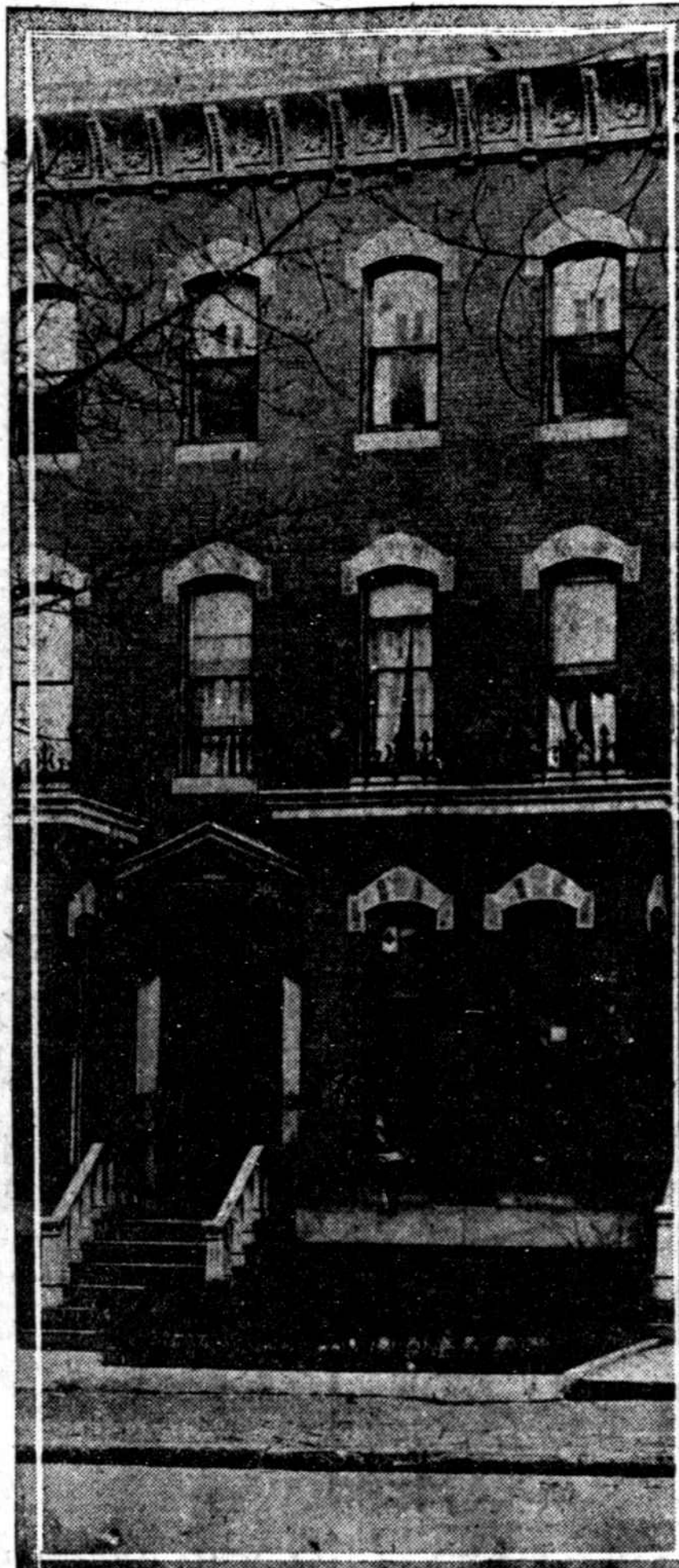


1312 Connecticut avenue northwest.

Washington's "madman of the northwest" picked three houses close together for his early morning activities of yesterday. His first visit was to the home of Miss Martha Geagan, 1312 Connecticut avenue, shown above at left. Miss Geagan was shot.

In the center is the boarding house at 1337 L street, where Miss Lillian Hood was attacked. After being shot, she clung tenaciously to her assailant, all the while screaming for help.

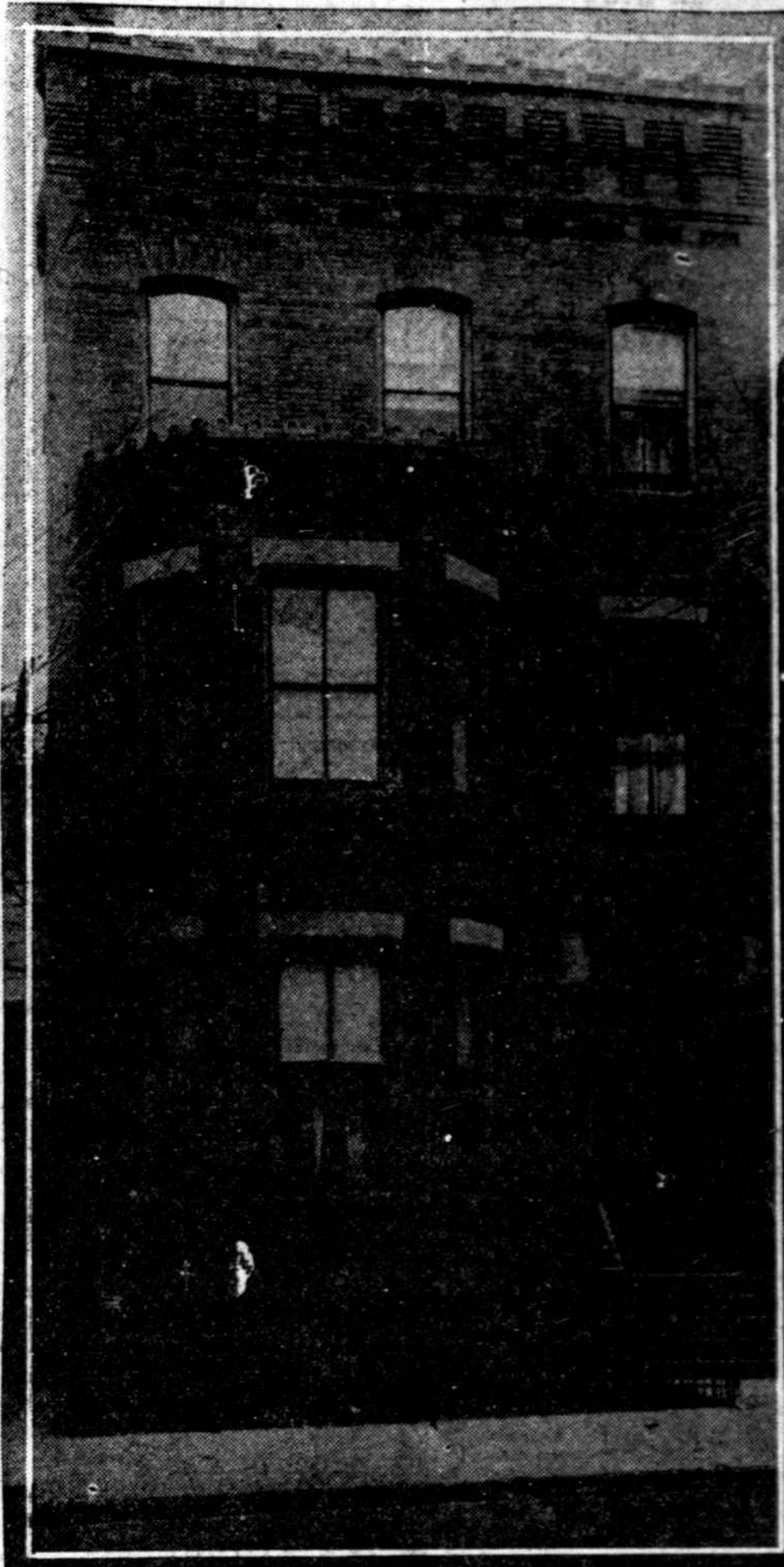
Dragged through the window and into the alley outside her window, the girl did not release her hold on the man until he stunned her with a blow from the butt of his revolver.



1337 L street northwest.

Since the tragedy of yesterday, the hall on which Miss Hood had her room is known as the "Hall of Tragedy." It was in room No. 9, just across the hall from Miss Hood's room, that J. Edward Buckley, an alleged German spy, in April of last year blew out his brains after writing letters to high Government officials telling them "how to win the war." A passport to Germany was found in his effects.

At the right is the Prienket home at 1511 L street, where Miss Florence Fowler was choked by the maniac. The front door was left unlocked "for the first time in ten years," Miss Alma Prienket said.



1511 L street northwest.

Girl Describes Struggle She Made For Her Life and Honor With Armed Maniac

Just how much more terrible was Miss Lillian Hood's early morning struggle with the maniac who invaded the Northwest Friday morning than first reports would indicate is now revealed by the first detailed story the girl has been able to tell.

This complete account was given today to The Times as Miss Hood, almost mortally wounded and just recovering from the shock of the major operation which saved her life, lay in a ward at the Emergency Hospital. Telling her story simply and unaffectedly, the girl unconsciously gives a picture of extraordinary heroism and pluck.

She told how she fought with the madman for more than ten minutes before she even screamed for help, and how she struggled with all the desperation of her plight and all the cunning of her sex either to wrest the revolver from the madman's hands or knock it out of his grasp. Here is her story:

By LILLIAN HOOD.

I don't know how the man got into my room. I only know he did. I knew nothing, heard nothing, until I opened my eyes and found him bending over me. The moment he saw me open my eyes and stir uneasily in bed, he said huskily:

"Don't make any noise or I'll shoot."

I remember one awful moment of terror—then I instinctively collected myself and figured out what would be the best course. Something in the way the man spoke made me certain that he would shoot. I never thought he was bluffing for a moment.

Something told me that the best outwitted man would cause him to pull the trigger.

Affraid To Scream

We struggled there for fully ten minutes. Of course, it seemed much longer, but I know it was all of ten minutes, I not daring to scream, but trying to overpower me, and all the while I trying to get the gun out of his hand.

All I was afraid of was the gun. I knew I had a chance against him with his bare hands. The gun was a different proposition.

"Everyone has seemed to get the impression that I was trying to hold the man for the police, but that wasn't it at all. I didn't dare to let go of him and give him a chance to pull the trigger. I was fighting for my very life and heaven only knows what else. No one will ever know how horrible it was."

It makes me shudder as I live it on.

EXPERTS DISCUSS MANIAC'S DISEASE

Every expert on mental diseases in Washington today is making long-distance examination of the man being hunted for night-time attacks on women asleep in their beds.

All of these students of mental diseases say they can form no definite opinion of the state of mind of the fugitive until he is caught and can be observed.

But every fact in connection with the case that comes to light is furnishing interesting material for the men who make a life-time work of learning the brain secrets of human beings.

The facts so far shown do not give scientific basis for the assumption that the desperado is a maniac, the mental experts say. And the theory that two men may have been involved is further confusing. There is little doubt that one man attacked the three women sleeping in three houses, but the proof that only one man is involved is only circumstantial.

Mentally Unbalanced. Nearly all of the mental experts agree that it is safe to assume the desperado is a victim of some sort of mental trouble, however, as no sane man would have shot two women and choked a third without cause.

One of the experts has found a similarity between the work of the man now being sought by all Washington and the notorious "Jack the Ripper," who terrorized the East Side of New York by slashing the abdomens of children with a knife.

Dr. D. Percy Hocking, noted as a mental expert, says: "In the absence of definite facts which may be obtained only by an examination of the criminal, I would say that the case presents no feature entirely unknown to science. The man undoubtedly is of the type that finds pleasure in inflicting pain on his victims. Probably this pleasure was greatest when the pain was inflicted on women. Both of the women shot were wounded in the abdomen, but, of course, the placing of the shots may have been accidental instead of design."

Dr. William A. White, superintendent of the Government Hospital for the Insane, says: "The criminal seems to have been engaged in a debauch. He very probably is a pervert and falls readily into a classification of perversion not in any way extraordinary despite the fact that the acts resulting from his perversion are very unusual."

Called "Lust Murderer." Dr. Benjamin Logie, superintendent of the Chevy Chase Sanatorium, says: "The facts in the case leave much doubt in trying to fix definitely the state of mind of this criminal. There are no facts to show that the man knew there were women in the rooms he entered. There are no facts to show that the man was not an ordinary robber, and that his initial pur-

pose in entering the houses was simply to rob. We should not form hasty conclusions, but I think we safely can assume that the man is suffering from some sort of mental derangement."

Dr. John E. Lind, member of the staff at the Government Hospital for the Insane, says: "The man at large seems to have been suffering from the sort of mental disease which stamps him as a degenerate who finds it necessary to be violent to women. The fiend appears to be of the type who gets pleasure in mutilating a woman. Some call this type a 'lust murderer,' or a sufferer from sadism. This disease takes several forms, but the most common is to derive satisfaction from the sight of witnessing suffering by his victims."

YANKS OVERSEAS MUST WRITE HOME

To meet the problems involved in the mail situation abroad, every soldier overseas has been ordered to mail home a card showing his organization, location, and state of health, General March announced today.

March also announced that national army and national guard soldiers can retain their division insignia upon returning to this country, but that officers returning to regular outfits will not wear them.

Way time punishments for military offenses have been suspended. This means that only the maximum peace time sentences can be imposed, but the order is pending on men now serving sentence. For instance, a man absent without leave in war time would be severely punished than a man who now is absent without leave.

NEW YORKERS HOME SOON. The Twenty-seventh division (New York) will embark about February 15 and the Seventy-seventh about March 5, according to War Department advices today. The 30th infantry (formerly Fifteenth N. Y.), is slated to embark about February 1.

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THE MOST DANGEROUS OF ALL DISEASES

No organs of the human body are so important to health and long life as the kidneys. When they slow up and commence to lag in their duty, look out! Danger is in sight.

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Detective Chief Urges All Residents of City To Aid in Madman Hunt

"I want every resident of Washington to constitute himself and herself a member of the Police Department and help to capture the madman," declared Inspector Clifford L. Grant, Chief of Detectives, to The Times this morning.

"Every bit of information from every source will be thoroughly thrashed out in getting a line on the assailant of the three women. Any man suspected by citizens will be investigated. Every possible clue will be run down."

"Up to noon today we have only one clue to the identity of the assailant of the women, and that is the hat found in the yard of Miss Hood's home."

"Because of the numerous escapes of soldiers and sailors from the Government Hospital for the Insane, the military authorities were asked to assist us. The hospital cares for many dermented soldiers and sailors, and records of those who have escaped recently are being looked into to see if they showed tendencies of degeneracy."

"The only case to have occurred in Washington which in any way parallels the one with which we are now confronted occurred many years ago, when we were in search of a man dubbed 'Jack the Cutter.' This individual was arrested after he for weeks slashed the gowns of women in the shopping district. We finally caught him. He admitted the charge, and gave an explanation which showed he was of degenerate mind."

"While I am inclined to feel the assailant of the three women might have gotten out of Washington, I feel more certain he still is in Washington. I do not think him to be the 'Jack the Ripper' who stirred New York recently."

"But again I wish to say that I hope every man, woman and child in Washington who should get any information which might lead to the capture of the assailant of the three women immediately telephone police headquarters and detectives will promptly investigate it."

The business of dressing women is a big business. According to this estimate it would cost the country about two thousand million dollars a year. Much money, but it is all a part of woman's evolution, and it would be a mistake to check it, even to save a billion and a half. The happiness that a new hat gives a woman is reflected in the next generation.

In China a woman working for a living probably spends less than a hundred dollars for clothing to last twenty years. But there isn't much progress in China, her silk worms work for our women—and China is a sad nation, because women there have never known the excitement of shopping and trying on.

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SEEK BIGGER FORCE AS CRIME REMEDY

Investigation of the conditions which have resulted in a shortage of 180 men in the police force of the National Capital, was promised today by Congressman Finis J. Garrett of Tennessee.

Stirred by the attacks upon three Washington women, Congressman Garrett said the Capital should be policed by a large and capable police department, and he will investigate to find whether the force is inadequate and the reasons why.

Miss Lillian Hood, the pretty war worker from Brownsville, Tenn., who was one of the victims of the madman's rampage, today by Congressman Garrett's home district.

May Need More Men

"I am going to investigate the police conditions of Washington," said the Congressman. "If this maniac who shot two women and choked another remains at large because of the inadequate police force, efforts should be made at once to augment the roster of the Police Department."

"I realize that a large, able force of policemen acts as a deterrent to crime. Whether a larger force would have prevented the maniac from attacking the women is a question I am not able to answer. However, Washington should be policed by a large, capable force of policemen, and I will investigate to find whether the force is inadequate and the reasons why."

Would Raise Salaries

Congressman Keating of Colorado, one of the strongest advocates in Congress of higher-paid Government employees, came out today with a statement in favor of increasing the pay of Washington policemen.

"The city should have adequate protection," said Congressman Keating, "and it certainly ought not be prevented from getting it by 'wage scales for the police.' I do not personally know the facts in this matter, for I have not investigated whether the lack of enough officers is due to low pay or something else. It is certain the police should be properly paid, just as other Government employees ought to be properly paid."

"If it is found impossible to get an adequate number of police here on the salaries which are paid, it seems to me it goes without saying that they should be paid enough to make it possible to obtain and retain an adequate number."

The District bill is still pending in the Senate Appropriations Committee, and friends of higher salaries will use the recent crime here as an argument for giving the Washington police more pay.

SAYS LEAGUE WILL FORCE U. S. TO WAR

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—That the league of nations would not prevent war, but that its formation would force the United States to war on Mexico, was the position taken today by President Theodore Roosevelt, of the University of Chicago. He said:

"The league will lessen the probability of war, but not prevent it. In disciplining unruly nations and in enforcing an international police policy, it will be necessary now and then to go to war. America will be told to intervene in Mexico, and that will mean war."

MRS. LUDENDORFF BACK IN GERMANY

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 25.—The wife of General Ludendorff has left for Germany. It was stated today that General Ludendorff will remain in Sweden for another fortnight, working upon his war book.

It was recently reported that Ludendorff was helping direct the Bolshevik army.

NOTIFY OF DRY VOTE

Wyoming and Idaho notified the State Department today of the ratification of the prohibition amendment, before thirty-two States that have reported here.

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